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FOR: INTERMEDIATES AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
OPTICALLY ACTIVE QUINOLONECARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 14, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4 (drawn to methods of making compounds of formula (VI)), for examination.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.